

VZCZCXRO3014

PP RUEHAST RUEHBC RUEHBI RUEHCI RUEHDA RUEHDBU RUEHDE RUEHDH RUEHGI

RUEHJS RUEHKUK RUEHLH RUEHNEH RUEHPW RUEHROV RUEHTRO

DE RUEHKA #0578 1591141

ZNR UUUUU ZZH

P 081141Z JUN 09

FM AMEMBASSY DHAKA

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8973

INFO RUCNCLS/ALL SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA COLLECTIVE PRIORITY

RUCNISL/ISLAMIC COLLECTIVE PRIORITY

RUEHGV/USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY 0704

RHHMUNA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI PRIORITY

UNCLAS DHAKA 000578

SENSITIVE

SIPDIS

IO/RHS FOR AMY OSTERMEIER OR
GAYATRI PATEL AND DRL/MLGA FOR LYNN SICADE

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: BG SU PGOV PHUM PREL

SUBJECT: BANGLADESH NON-COMMITTAL ON SUDAN AND THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COUNCIL

REF: STATE 5582

¶1. (SBU) On June 4, PolOff spoke with Sanchita Hague, Senior Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) UN and Human Rights Wing, to convey reftel points, urging the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) to support the extension of the Special Rapporteur's term by one year and a strong resolution on the human rights situation in Sudan. Hague said the GOB welcomed the USG's concern. She pointed out that the government had yet to make a decision on this issue and that it would be done by the Mission in Geneva only after consultation with other members of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC). She added that Bangladesh has typically voted to abstain on country specific human rights resolutions, based on the principle of non-interference and on the belief that such resolutions are often politically motivated.

MORIARTY